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Bozhurishte Airfield

1. Bozhurishte airfield is a military field located approximately 100 meters west of the Bozhurishte (N 42-45, E 23-11) railway station, on the Sofia - Bankya (N 42-42, E 23-08) railroad. The field has wire fences on the eastern side, across the eastern half of the north and south sides, and is open on the west. The field has one runway which runs east-west. Red lights placed at the sides of the field are used for night landings.
2. Bozhurishte airfield is used only for military airplanes; during 1951, fighters and twin-engine bombers, as well as approximately 20 Soviet-made jet planes parked near the edge of the field. The hangars are located at the west of the field and three large, grey, 2- or 3-story barracks buildings used by an unidentified Air Force unit,  are situated to the north.<sup>1</sup> A warehouse and an unknown number of antiaircraft guns and ammunition dumps are located approximately 300 meters north of the barracks buildings.

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Vrazhdebna Airfield

3. Vrazhdebna airfield is a civilian and military field located 400-500 meters east of the Levski quarter (the easternmost section of Sofia) and approximately six kilometers from the center of Sofia, between the Sofia-Pirdop highway and the Sofia-Plodiv railroad, approximately 100 meters south of the highway and about 200 meters north of the railroad, just east of the Iskur River.
4. The southern half of the field is used as a civilian field and the northern half as a military field. A large 3-story white airport building and an east-west runway are located on the civilian half of the field. Seven or eight hangars, barracks buildings, and two east-west runways are situated on the military portion of the field.  prior to July 1952, fighters,

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bombers, and jet planes were observed on this field.

Marino Pole Airfield

5. Marino Pole airfield is located 6-7 kilometers southeast of Karlovo, approximately two kilometers south of the Karlovo - Kalofer (N 42-37, E 24-59) railroad line and a short distance east of the Karlovo - Plovdiv railroad line. An unidentified stream, general direction of flow south, forms the southern boundary of the field, which is 2,000 meters in length. The airfield has a runway running east-west, five or six white 3-story barracks buildings on the north of the field, hangars, and gasoline and ammunition depots on the east, very close to the Iskur River. An Air Force unit [ ] is stationed at Marino Pole airfield.<sup>2</sup>

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Miscellaneous Information

6. Plovdiv airfield is located approximately two kilometers southeast of Plovdiv.
7. In 1951 and early 1952, [ ] saw large groups of twin-engine bombers flying over Plovdiv, usually in a "circular" formation. Jet planes, flying singly or in groups of three, were seen over Sofia "sometimes."

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1. [ ] Milko Khrystov Iliev, is a private with a parachute unit,
2. [ ] Penyu Penev, living on Petrokhan Street in Sofia, was with the Air Force unit, [ ]  
[ ] Penev had been condemned to three years in prison in early 1953 for telling military secrets to his girl friend, who was a DS (Dürzhavna Sigurnost; State Security) agent.

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